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THE PLAGUE SITUATION.

PORTO RICO.

One case of plague was reported at La Perla in the municipality of San Juan on September 12. This is the fourth case reported at La Perla, 2 cases having previously been notified on September 6 and 1 on September 10. The infection in all 4 cases undoubtedly was received from the one focus not later than September 6, on which date the focus is believed to have been eradicated. La Perla is a small barrio situated just outside the walls of the older part of San Juan in the vicinity of the municipal slaughterhouse. It comprises about 60 small frame structures.

CALIFORNIA.

During the week ended August 31 two plague-infected ground squirrels were found in Alameda County, Cal.

HAWAII.

A plague-infected rat was found at Olaoa, Hawaii, September 9. This is the first plague-infected rat found in Hawaii since April 24, 1912.

A rat catcher, who had been ill four days, died of plague at Pepeekeo, September 13. This is the first case of human plague reported in Hawaii since March 14, 1912.

MANILA, P. I.

Two cases of plague occurred in Manila August 4, 1912. These are the first cases reported in the city since June 29, 1912. The patients were boys aged 14 and 16 years, respectively, attending the same school, but apparently not associated in any way. No sick or dead rats had been noted in the locality where the boys lived and of those caught and examined since the discovery of the cases all have been free from plague infection.

This makes a total of 4 cases of plague in Manila since June 19, 1912.

MOROCCO.

Information has been received by cable from the American Ambassador at Paris that the French Government has given notification of the occurrence of a case of plague at Casablanca, Morocco. Casablanca is one of the chief ports of Morocco and is situated on the Atlantic Ocean.